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RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2002 and is accompanied by a petition for a three month extension of time and the required fee, thereby extending the period for response up to and including December 10, 2002.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees or other relief, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. No. A-67933-1/RFT/NBC).

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please amend claim 49 as follows:

49. The method of claim 17, wherein said genomic library comprises nucleic acid from a combination of multiple organisms.

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